



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1325 J STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, 95814-2922

Environmental Resources Branch

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Enclosed for your review is the Public Draft Post Authorization Change Report and programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (PACR/EIS/EIR) for the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project (SRBPP) Phase II Supplemental Authority (proposed program). The proposed program would implement up to 80,000 linear feet (LF) of additional bank protection in the Sacramento River Flood Control Project (SRFCP) area, as authorized by Section 3031 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007. The proposed program spans portions of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba Counties in California. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is the federal lead agency for this EIS/EIR, and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) is the state lead agency, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act, respectively.

The programmatic EIS/EIR accompanying the PACR analyzes the environmental effects associated with implementing bank protection measures along 80,000 LF of the SRFCP to arrest or avoid streambank erosion that threatens the integrity of the SRFCP levee system. Five programmatic action alternatives are proposed, consisting of different combinations of the following measures: setback levees, adjacent levees, riparian and wetland benches with revegetation, bank fill stone protection with on-site woody vegetation, and bank fill stone protection with no on-site woody vegetation. Because streambank erosion is episodic and new erosion sites can appear each year, the environmental analysis in the EIS/EIR is programmatic in nature, analyzing the 80,000 LF in its entirety, but relying on data associated with 106 representative sites in order to provide the most detailed programmatic analysis possible. Additional project-level environmental documentation, tiering from the programmatic analysis, will be prepared in the future to address specific sites that will be constructed.

The Public Draft PACR/EIS/EIR is available on the USACE's website at:

<http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/SacramentoRiverBankProtection.aspx>

Copies are also available for viewing at the libraries shown on the enclosed sheet.

The Corps and the CVFPB will be hosting public workshops to present information and to accept public comments on the PACR/EIS/EIR. The workshop meeting dates, times, and locations are as follows:

West Sacramento

Wednesday, January 14, 2015
4:00 to 6:00 pm
Arthur F. Turner Community Library
1212 Merkley Avenue

Colusa

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
4:00 to 6:00 pm
Colusa County Free Library
738 Market Street

Walnut Grove

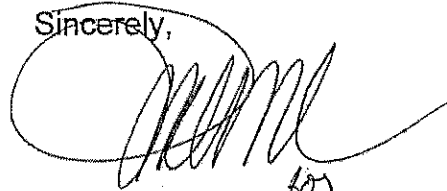
Wednesday, January 28, 2015
4:00 to 6:00 pm
Walnut Grove Library
14177 Market Street

Chico

Wednesday, February 4, 2015
4:00 to 6:00 pm
Butte County Library
1108 Sherman Avenue

The closing date for submitting public review comments is February 27, 2015. Comments should be submitted to the above address or sent by email to SacRiverBank@usace.army.mil. All comments received on the draft document will be considered carefully and incorporated into the final document, as appropriate. If you have any questions or wish to request a copy, please contact Mr. Brian Mulvey, Senior Fishery Biologist, at (916) 557-7660 or at Brian.M.Mulvey@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AKirchner', with a large circular flourish on the left side.

Alicia E. Kirchner
Chief, Planning Division

Enclosure

Library List

The Public Draft PACR/EIS/EIR is available for viewing at the following libraries:

Chico

Butte County Library
1108 Sherman Avenue
Chico, CA 95926

Colusa

Colusa County Free Library
738 Market Street
Colusa, CA 95932

Isleton

Isleton Library
412 Union Street
Isleton, CA 95454

Marysville

Yuba County Library
303 2nd Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Rio Vista

Rio Vista Library
44 S. Second Street
Rio Vista, CA 94571

Sacramento

Sacramento City Library
828 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Walnut Grove

Walnut Grove Library
14177 Market Street
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

West Sacramento

Arthur F. Turner Community Library

1212 Merkley Avenue
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Willows

Willows Library
201 N. Lassen Street
Willows, CA 95988

Yuba City

Sutter County Library
750 Forbes Avenue
Yuba City, CA 95991